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## RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action dated October 7, 2004 in which restriction and species election requirements were made, the claims to the invention of Group I (claims 1-10 and 18-20) are hereby elected without traverse, and without prejudice for prosecution in a subsequent patent application filing.

Concerning the species election requirement, Applicant elects, with clarification as discussed in the remarks, claims directed to the species identified as Species II, drawn to Figures 4-6.

Authorization is herewith given to charge/credit Deposit Account 50-0996 (GUID.027US01) all requisite fees, should any be required upon entry of this paper.

A complete listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper. Remarks/Arguments follow on page 5 of this paper.

A <u>Petition for Extension of Time</u> is attached to this paper, with the requisite fees accordingly provided.